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DAN RATHER: Well, when we left little Glen Cove in suburban New York last May, the situation was this: The Soviets maintained a mansion there. They still do. Glen Cove maintained the Russians there were up to no good. It still does. And the official no-welcome mat is still there too.

Today, a major diplomatic development in the affair. But Morton Dean reports the mouse that roared in May hasn't lost its bite.

MORTON DEAN: Glen Cove had a sultry, sleepy summertime look today. On the surface, there was little to indicate the cold war here has intensified. The city government still believes this mansion occupied by the Soviet Union's U.N. Ambassador is being used to spy on the United States, as a Soviet defector had claimed. Glen Cove still refuses to be cowed by Moscow's advantage in missiles, tanks, and men in arms. And the city continues to ban Soviet diplomatic personnel from beaches, tennis courts, and a public golf course.

CBS News has learned that the Soviets have repeatedly tried to penetrate Glen Cove's defenses.

Fred Hicks is chief of the special police who patrol the city's recreational facilities.

FRED HICKS: They try to use our beaches, our fishing pier, our golf course, our tennis courts. This is basically where they've been located at in Glen Cove.

DEAN: And you've turned them away.

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HICKS: Yes. We have orders to turn them away.

DEAN: But now a second front has been opened. Little Glen Cove is now battling two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States. A protest note from the State Department was hand-delivered to the mayor. It said, "Glen Cove's actions interfere with conduct of the foreign policy relations of the United States." The mayor was not impressed.

MAYOR ALAN PARENTE: Surely the State Department has jurisdiction over international relations, but they don't have jurisdiction over our recreational facilities here in Glen Cove.

DEAN: The State Department's representative, he said, is concerned about possible Soviet retaliation.

MAYOR PARENTE: He mentioned the possibility of the Soviets revoking our diplomats' beach privileges on the Volga River, which I thought was rather amusing.

DEAN: In the nation's capital today, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer had this to say.

DEAN FISCHER: The Department is confident that the city of Glen Cove will act appropriately.

DEAN: Glen Cove believes it already is.